

THE INFECTIOUS HOSPITALS MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association was held on Saturday, June 5th, at Lodge Moor Hospital, Sheffield, at 3.30 p.m.

A drive of six miles from Sheffield station brought the London members to the hospital, standing high on Lodge Moor, looking to miles of unspoilt country.

The members were cordially welcomed by the Matron, Miss Robinson, in the fine entrance hall of the administration building of the hospital.

The President, Miss H. McLoughlin, was in the chair.

In opening the proceedings, the President expressed much regret that the Hon. Secretary, Miss B. M. West, was unavoidably absent owing to illness, and felt sure that all present would wish to send best wishes for her speedy return to health, and also to convey very warm appreciation on behalf of the Association for the unsparing energy she had given for its welfare, and the news that she had consented to continue to serve as Hon. Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and a large amount of business was considered.

The Treasurer's report showed the balance in hand of £11 2s. 3d.

In alluding to the proposed amendment of the Local Government and Other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922, Miss Solomon advised members to procure a copy and study the Act, so as to know how members of the Nursing Profession stood concerning the conditions of interchangeability of service on which point the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association and the League of Fever Nurses had communicated with the Ministry of Health.

Reception for the International Council of Nurses.

It was unanimously agreed that at the reception in addition to the Presidents, Miss H. McLoughlin and Miss W. P. Solomon, R.R.C., Miss M. Drakard, ex-President and Miss J. T. Ruddy, Vice-President, be invited to act as hostesses at the reception to be held in conjunction with the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association and the League of Fever Nurses on Wednesday, July 21st, at the Victoria Hotel, Northumberland Avenue, W.C.2. It was hoped that as many members of both associations would apply for tickets, as soon as possible, one for themselves and one to entertain an International guest; the price of the tickets is 3s. 6d. each, which can be obtained by applying to the Hon. President, Miss H. McLoughlin, Borough Isolation Hospital Roman Road, London, E.

At the close of the meeting hearty votes of thanks were proposed to the Committee for the privilege of holding the meeting at Lodge Moor Hospital, and to the Matron for so kindly arranging such a delightful afternoon.

Following the meeting, a delectable tea in the Matron's sitting-room was much appreciated, a short tour of the beautiful hospital, which numbers 500 beds, and where the wards and hospital equipment leave nothing to be desired, and where it would seem that Sheffield has nothing to learn from the capital of Great Britain in this respect.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Association be held in the autumn at the Isolation Hospital, Great Yarmouth, by the kind invitation of the Committee.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN NURSES TAKE ACTION.

About thirty women attended the very successful inaugural meeting convened by Mrs. Alan Macdonald, at Anzac House, North Perth, Western Australia, on May 7th, for the purpose of forming a British Ex-Service Women's Association of the West Australian Division, when Mrs. Macdonald was elected President and Miss H. M. Hatton, Hon. Secretary.

Those present represented the Women's Legion, Queen Mary's Women's Auxiliary Army Corps, Women's Royal

Naval Service Corps, Women's Voluntary Aid Detachment, the British Red Cross, Royal Army Nurses and Soldiers' concert organisers for the Y.M.C.A. in France.

In the absence of Mrs. A. M. Walsh, the President, who is at present in England, the Vice-President, Mrs. W. K. Weller, welcomed the foundation members at the first Annual Meeting of the Florence Nightingale Club, at North Perth, Western Australia, when to the strains of "She's a Jolly Good Fellow," enthusiastically sung by nearly fifty members, Sister Mary Nicolay, one of the few nurses who can now claim to have been trained under Florence Nightingale, cut a large cake celebrating the Club's first birthday.

The Secretary, Miss K. Yeates, who presented the first Annual Report, said that the membership now totalled 119. The Foundation members had established the Club for the benefit of the nursing profession, and it was their responsibility to see that the foundation is a solid building for the continuation of the work. They had still before them the objective of completing the first amount required for the Nightingale Scholarship Fund, which, in Australian currency, was nearly £200 more than they already had. She could not stress too frequently the importance of associating themselves with this scheme. Other countries were forging ahead, and they could not afford to lag behind. Already their reciprocity with England was threatened, and their advance was noticeable since graduates from the International Courses had been working in their training schools. It lay with Australia to catch up, or lose this valuable means of transferring nurses to other countries.

As a prelude to the meeting the Florence Nightingale Pledge for Nurses was recited by all present.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TRAINED NURSES OF FRANCE.

We publish below the letter which we have received from Mlle. M. Greiner announcing the election as President of the National Association of Trained Nurses of France, as successor to their beloved President, the late Mlle. Chaptal, of Mlle. de Joannis.

Letter from Mlle. Greiner.

Chère Mrs. Bedford Fenwick,

J'ai le plaisir de vous informer que dans sa séance du 8 Mai, le Conseil d'Administration de l'Association des Infirmières Diplômées de l'Etat Français a élu comme Présidente, en remplacement de notre chère et regrettée Mademoiselle Chaptal, Mademoiselle de Joannis, Directrice de l'Ecole d'Assistance aux Malades.

Veillez agréer, chère Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, l'assurance de mes sentiments les plus cordialement dévoués.

La Secrétaire Générale,
M. GREINER.

We congratulate the National Association of Trained Nurses of France on their selection as their President of Mlle. de Joannis. It will not be an easy task to succeed the late Mlle. Chaptal, the beloved and brilliant Founder of the Association as President, but Mlle. de Joannis is conversant with the work both of her own Association and of the International Council of Nurses, and we think the Association has made a very happy choice. We feel sure that the members will loyally support their new President, and we offer her the cordial congratulations of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain on her election to this office, and warm good wishes for her success in the discharge of its important duties.

Mlle. Joannis writes: "I have been greatly moved by your kind words so encouraging for me after my election as President of our Association of Trained Nurses of France. I am also most honoured by your amiable invitation to be the guest of the National Council of Nurses from July 10th to July 24th, and accept with pleasure."

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